

Egremont Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Committee

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 2:00 pm

Held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Will Conklin (Chair), Bruce Bernstein, Donna Bersch, Will Brinker, Emily Eyre, Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Fred Gordon, Juliette Haas (recording). Jim Noe

Also Attending: Joanna Nadeau, Weston & Sampson, Mary McGurn, CarrieAnne Petrick, MVP Regional Representative

- 1) Chairman Will Conklin called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. The meeting was recorded to Zoom. The minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved by committee members present at that meeting.
- 2) Juliette Haas presented a brief update to the committee regarding the Expression of Interest applications. The committee will be sent an email summary after a listening session with CarrieAnne Petrick takes place the following day.
- 3) Joanna Nadeau spoke to the work that has been performed since the last meeting: individual interviews with TEEM Chair Ed McCormick, BOH Director Juliette Haas, Highway Superintendent Jim Noe, Office Manager/Select Board Member Mary Brazie, Building Inspector Ned Baldwin, Fire Chief Joe Schneider, et. al. and a business focus group meeting which included Betsy Andrus of the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce and Turner Farm representatives Darrel and Rebecca Turner.
- 4) The committee members added their comments/corrections to Chapter 5 of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Fred Gordon spoke to the areas of need that were identified in the returned surveys: winter weather, extreme weather event, power outages. The survey will be listed as an Appendix in the final Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 5) The committee worked on the draft Action Plan and filled in the missing priority ratings. Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen felt the format was difficult to follow and understand. Will Brinker spoke to overlaps on action items that are addressed in the town's existing Community Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Jim Noe felt the chart should start with items that have top priority and infrastructure items that the town has control over. Joanna will work on a new chart with fewer columns which will be sent to the committee for approval.
- 6) The committee decided on the date and time for the upcoming Community Listening Session: Tuesday March 29th at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom and will last about an hour, allowing time for a short presentation on the project, work done to date and time for public comment. The MVP Publicity Subcommittee was asked to work on outreach to the community in the hopes of a good turnout at the meeting.
- 7) Before asking for a motion to adjourn, Will Conklin asked committee members to list their preferred gender identification pronouns in the future. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Juliette S. Haas
Approved 4/20/2022